





# Welcome to my nightmare.



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MOOD:  freaking the hell out

In some cultures, it's called...

...house hunting.

1. Dear realtors: When you photograph a property for the MLS, cut the grass first. Oh, and move the trash bins out of the shot. It's not that tough.

2. On the other end of the scale, Dear realtors: Stop "dressing" properties. I'd rather imagine them with my lame furniture than have to look past your lame furniture.

But there's a rowhouse (<https://www.livejournal.com/away?to=http%3A//www.realtor.com/realestate/washington-dc-20001-1102349907/>) on N St. NW that we can sort of afford. Sort of. Not a fixer. Close to the Metro. With a good kitchen. It even has good *bathrooms*. Fingers crossed. We made an offer this afternoon.

Yikes.

Oh, crap, I think I'm having a panic attack. Or suffering adult-onset adulthood.



## Thank you

This is Patricia Andreoli, wife of Daphne Worth, who you all knew as Trollcatz. Daphne died

## ...And there goes the weekend

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Adulthood is a terrible thing to happen to a person, esp. on short (less than a century's) notice.



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Adulthood is totally overrated.



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\*Soothing thoughts and good wishes\* coming your way from out here on the Left Coast.



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omg. that KITCHEN.

and the hardwood! and the tile!

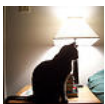
it's spectacular. i hope you get it!



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I'm toggling between that and "Nooooo! I want to go live in a dorm room!"



 [txanne](#)

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You don't really want to put up with Other People's Crappy Music, do you? It's worse than Other People's Burned Popcorn!

I hope you get it. It's gorgeous.

 [saltpepper](#)

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Good hunting!



 [hawkwing\\_ib](#)

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*Or suffering adult-onset adulthood.*

I'm told it doesn't last very long. Geologically speaking.


(Good luck.)

 [cjtremlett](#)

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Good luck with the house! I'm drooling over that kitchen. I love my little house very very much, but the kitchen is smaller than I would like.



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You wouldn't believe the number of "gorgeous!" "totally redone!" rowhouses we saw...with stupid galley kitchens like cheap apartments and cramped, dark bathrooms that looked as if they'd time-traveled from the '60s. Ugh.



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...I could cook in that.



 [boddhi\\_d](#)

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...I could watch you cook in that, and eat the results. :)



 [Ometotchtli](#)

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Lessee. Relationship status change, check. Change of address, check.

Quit your job\*, and you get the stress trifecta.

\*(Do NOT quit your job.)




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Doesn't have to be ending a job, does it? Maybe a promotion? Even just asking for one has got to count for major points on the stress-o-meter.

:) See how helpful we're all being?

(Srsly, is perfectly normal to be freaked out by house buying. My BF & her husband are closing on a house next week; I've been stressing on their behalf.)

 [pnkrokhockeymom](#)

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Yay! Houses!

(I am getting the moving itch. But I can't sell my house right now for NEAR what I owe. Dammit)


I am also starting to wish I had a kitchen I could cook in. Or, as Puppy would say it, "act as if I'm cooking" in.



 [txanne](#)

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Hee! Puppy is cute!

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One day he said, "Are you in there playing kitchen again?"

I smacked him RIGHT upside his head.



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Wow. I'm allergic to rowhouses, having grown up in an extremely cookie-cutter one, but that's one's gorgeous inside and seems pretty spacious.



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And it's old, so it's got actual walls (plaster and lath and brick) between the units. We were hoping for an end-of-row, but didn't see any we liked/could afford.

There was one with unbeatable weirdness points. One room wide, three storeys tall...and both its neighbors demolished. It looks like a tree with windows. Completely freaky.




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Looks like it's also old enough to have nice ceiling molding, or else an intelligent renovator added it back in.

Speaking of intelligent renovators, 2.5 baths!! That was my biggest complaint growing up, the fact that the designers of our house only saw fit to put in one bathroom. (Mom has ulcerative colitis. Better not to imagine the consequences.) I have since determined that 2.5 baths is the ideal number: one to use, one

for backup, one powder room that stays pristine for company. 2.5 are luxurious for two people but perfectly adequate even if you have four houseguests. (Obviously you'd want more for a big family.)

 [jimsmyth](#)

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Get the tree with windows!

That'd be so coool!

...Not to live in, of course. I have friends in Toronto who has such a place. It wasn't as much a house and a staircase with nicely decorated landings.

I shall have to find my own tree-with-windows someday. :snif: Though maybe one with branches, too.

Also, don't forget to resent those house-hunting TV shows that make it look so easy. Spread the love.


 [edschweppe](#)

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Good kitchen, good bathrooms, good location - and central air! (I did one summer in Bawlamer without central air, and resolved never to repeat the experience.)

Sounds like it's made of win to me. Good luck!



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Oh, yeah. We've been spoiled freakin' rotten by the central AC in this place. Our nation's capital has eeevil summers.



 [eljefe](#)

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Mmmmm, character. That place has it.



 [inaurolillium](#)

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Yay! Good luck!

I *hated* the entire process of house-hunting, house-buying, the offer, the paperwork, the signing, the mortgage, the painting (this place was a *disgusting* so-called "almond" color on the inside, ceilings and walls both), the moving... but I *love* having my own house! Mine mine mine mine mine! MINE! I even, as soon as it was mine, took the little sample of paint that I was trying out for my bedroom up into my room and fingerpainted MINE on the wall.

Don't think of it as being grown-up, think of it as finally having your own playhouse (or treehouse, whichever you wanted more as a kid). Worked for me.



nebula99

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Looks like a nice place and very roomy. Good luck with the whole house-buying business. Next time I move, I'm tempted all possessions in the sale just so I don't have to pack them.

**Be vewy vewy careful...**



korvarthefox

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Houses can be vicious if only wounded.

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